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The Honorable Stansfield Turner
Director
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Dear Admiral Turner:

I am pleased to announce that the first recipient of the Congressional Excalibur Award for outstanding government achievement is Mr. Frank J. Nola, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) engineer who is employed at the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Alabama.

Mr. Nola was cited in the U.S. Capitol on November 29, 1979, for inventing and developing a motor that can reduce electric power use in home and industry and could conceivably save this nation billions of barrels of oil and billions of dollars each year.

Called a "power factor controller," the small device is currently being manufactured in several locations throughout the United States. NASA holds the patent. When attached to typewriters, refrigerators, fans, and industrial sewing machines, for example, the instrument can cut power consumption up to 60 percent.

Mr. Nola was selected by an independent and distinguished committee from some 120 nominees whose outstanding accomplishments ranged from removing asbestos materials from schools to saving lives through heroic deeds, from employing the handicapped and involving senior citizens in environmental programs to developing new surgery techniques.

I believe that this award will stir public understanding and appreciation of government service as well

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as to stimulate federal workers to continue to strive for excellence. I also hope it will counteract some of the negative perceptions of government workers.

If your agency has previously submitted a nomination for Excalibur, it will be considered again for future awards, which will be presented three times in 1980.

However, I encourage you to seek new entries among your employees that are based on recent and significant achievements. Nominations for the second award should be received no later than February 1, 1980.

More information about this program is available from your personnel office or from my Washington office.

Thank you for your strong support and cooperation for the Excalibur Award; it is helping to establish this award and to focus on the positive values of government service.

Sincerely,


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